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TO : Director of Central Intelligence
THROUGH: Assistant Director, ORE
FROM : Chief, Basic Intelligence Group, ORE
SUBJECT: Petroleum Supplement to NIS.

DATE: 24 June 1949

1. The NIS Committee has concluded that the legitimate needs of government agencies for basic intelligence on petroleum can not be fully met by Subsection 62C (Petroleum) of NIS Chapter VI (Economic) and that there should be added to the NIS Program and placed in production with the least practicable delay a Petroleum Supplement to NIS. This would become NIS Supplement No. V.
2. The NIS Committee has reached the following conclusions with regard to the implementation of the production of basic intelligence on petroleum, both for Subsection 62C, NIS, and NIS Supplement No. V:
 - a. One agency should produce both Subsection 62C, NIS, and NIS Supplement No. V.
 - b. The agency best fitted to undertake this task is the Petroleum Committee, Munitions Board, as established and directed by the Secretary of Defense Memorandum for the Chairman, Munitions Board, 3 May 1949, and JCS 1694/17, 15 June 1949. Further, it is understood that the Petroleum Committee would accept the assignment of the production responsibilities in question.
 - c. The Petroleum Committee, because of its special contacts, should also handle the approach to the Petroleum Industry for obtaining information needed for the production of both Subsection 62C, NIS, and NIS Supplement No. V.
 - d. Support currently being provided the Bureau of Mines, Department of the Interior, for the production of Subsection 62C, NIS, should not be withdrawn until such time as the Petroleum Committee shall have begun actual production of this Subsection.
3. It is recommended that this matter be taken up by the Director of Central Intelligence with the IAC with a view to concluding formal arrangements with the Petroleum Committee for the assumption of this production responsibility under the NIS Program.



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